

PERFORMANCE PRESENTATION

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30/09 | Q3 2022**

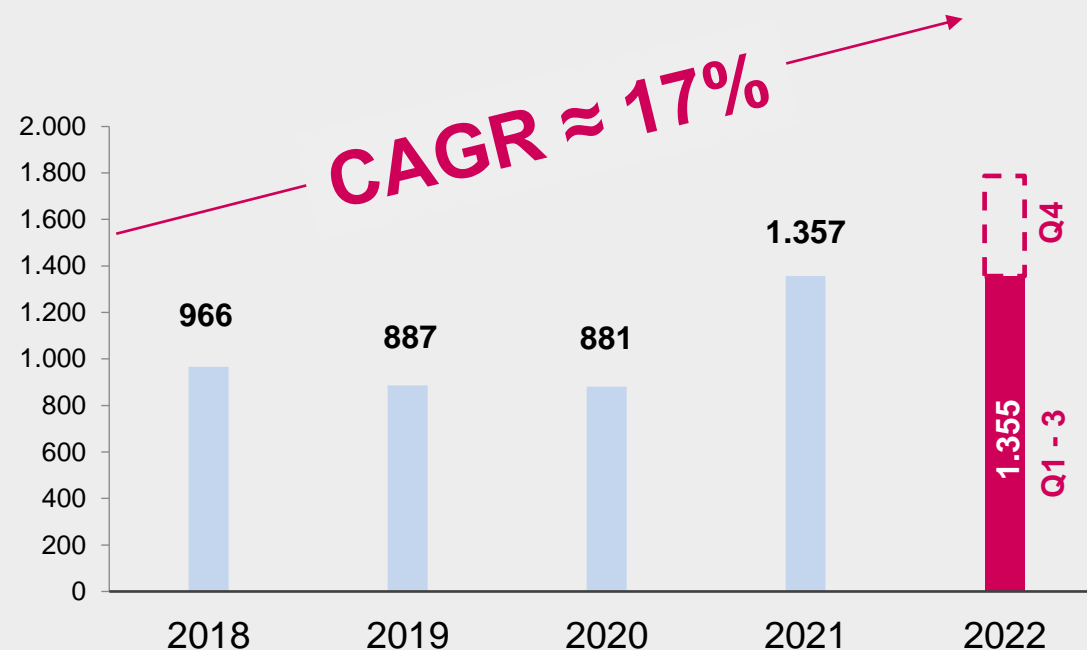


STRONG FINANCIAL PERFORMANCE

- Strong price increases and weaker market environment led to reduction in corrugated board sales volume.
- Slight Volume increases in our containerboard businesses (0.5%) in Q1-3 2022 vs. Q1-3 2021.
- **Sales** grew by **21.2%** to **€431.3** mn in Q3 2022 and by **40.7%** in the first nine months of 2022.
- **EBITDA** increased to **€73.2** mn in Q3 2022 (+**3.3%** vs. Q3 2021: €70.9 mn).
- **EBITDA margin at 17.0% in Q3 2022.**
- Year to date **EBITDA** of **€309.4** mn already above former EBITDA record of full year 2018.
- Net financial debt decreased to €691.6 mn (31 December 2021: €779.9 mn).
- Once again improved **net leverage of 1.7 x LTM EBITDA.**

Sales

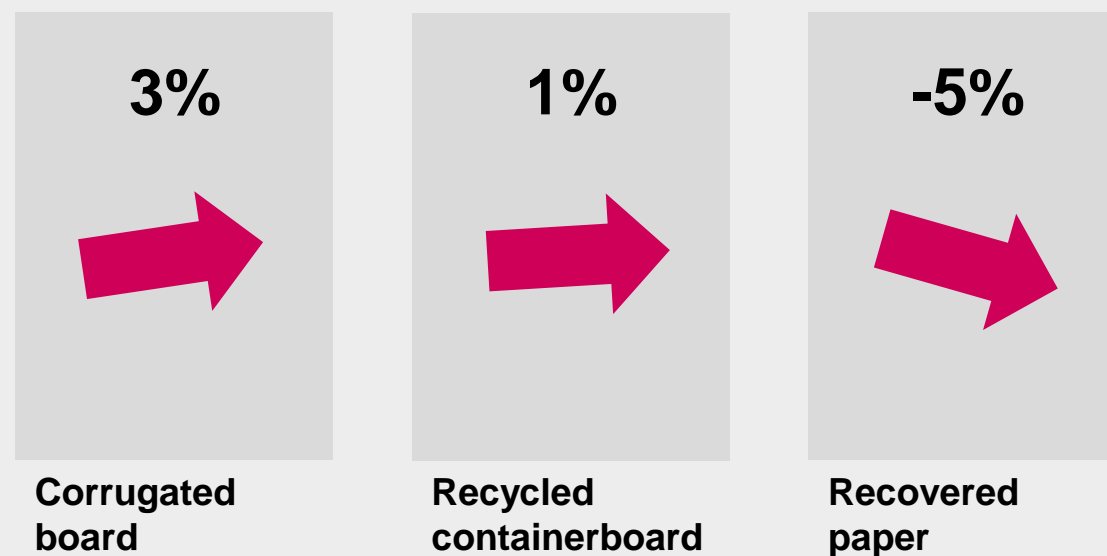
(in kt)



MARKET DEVELOPMENT

- Driven by higher input costs (e.g. energy costs and freight rates) prices for recycled containerboard and corrugated board increased slightly in Q3.
- Strong price increases led to a decline in corrugated board sales volumes.
- Recovered paper prices decreased in Q3 2022. The price decrease was driven by a significant demand drop due to industry-wide containerboard production cuts in the third quarter.
- Russian war against Ukraine has an increasing negative effect on inflation and consumer behavior. The economic outlook is subdued.

Price development Q3 2022 compared to Q2 2022



PROGROUP FINANCIAL PERFORMANCE



Quarterly view

CORRUGATED BOARD VOLUME DROP

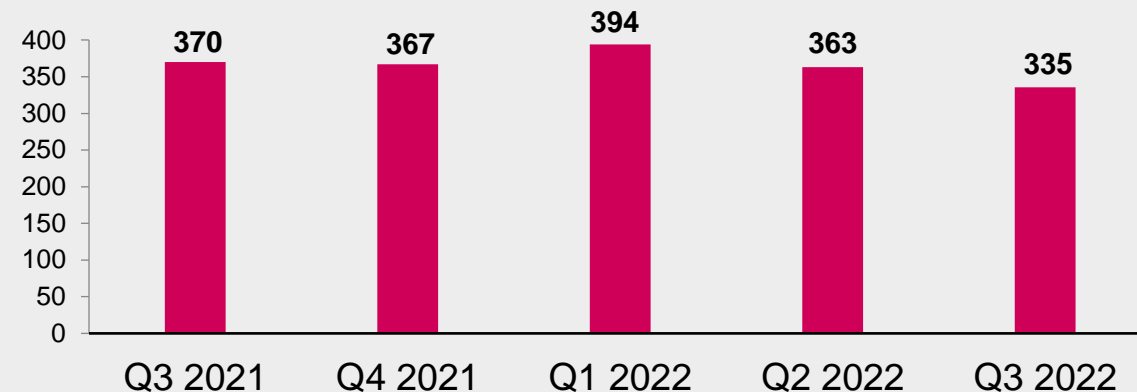
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Corrugated board sales volume decreased in **Q3 2022 (-9.4%)** compared to Q3 2021 and **-3.8% year over year**.

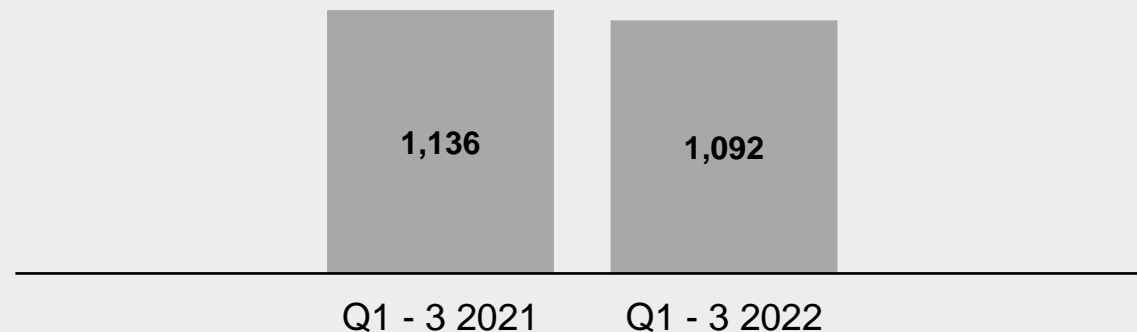
This decline is due to the strong price increase during Q2 2022, a subdued market environment and a seasonal drop in demand over summer. Additionally, in the previous year the demand in the third quarter was exceptionally strong.

Volume corrugated board

(in kt)



-3.8%



Quarterly view

INCREASING PAPER VOLUME

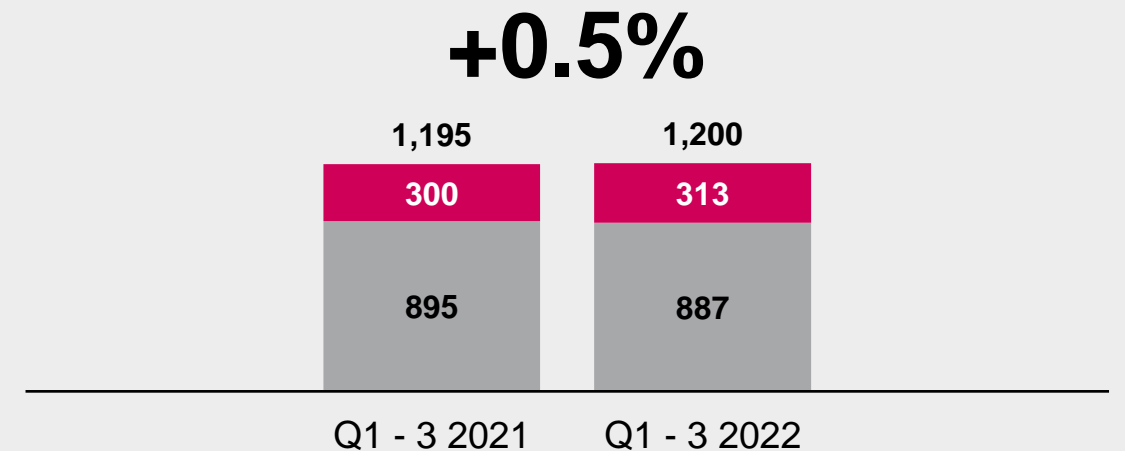
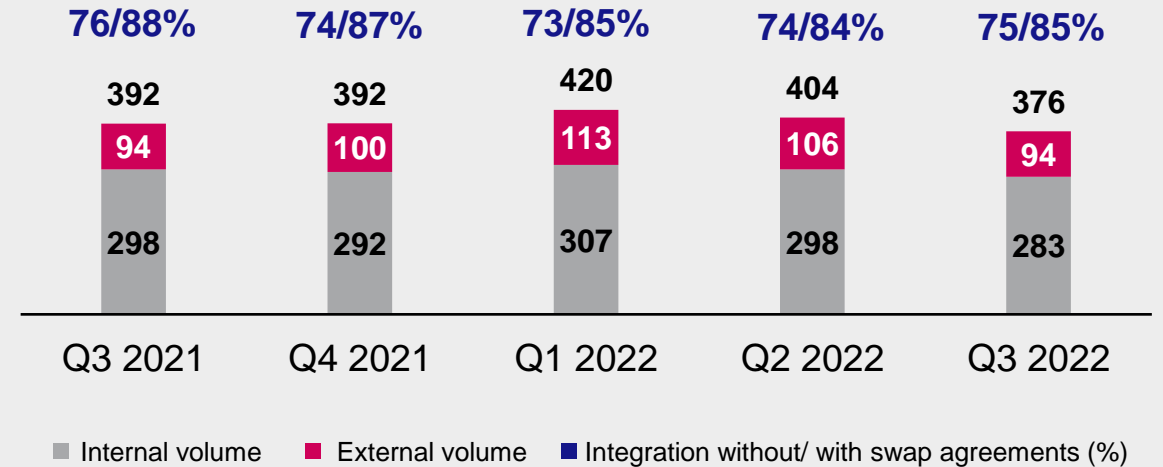
Development

Sales volume decreased by 4.0% in Q3 compared to Q3/2021. The exceptionally high spot prices for energy in the third quarter led to production curtailments and also to lower sales volumes. **Year-over-year** the sales volumes **increased by 0.5%**.

The level of integration between our containerboard business, including swap agreements, and the corrugated board business increased slightly in Q3 2022 compared to Q2 2022.

Volume containerboard

(in kt)



Quarterly view

SALES DEVELOPMENT

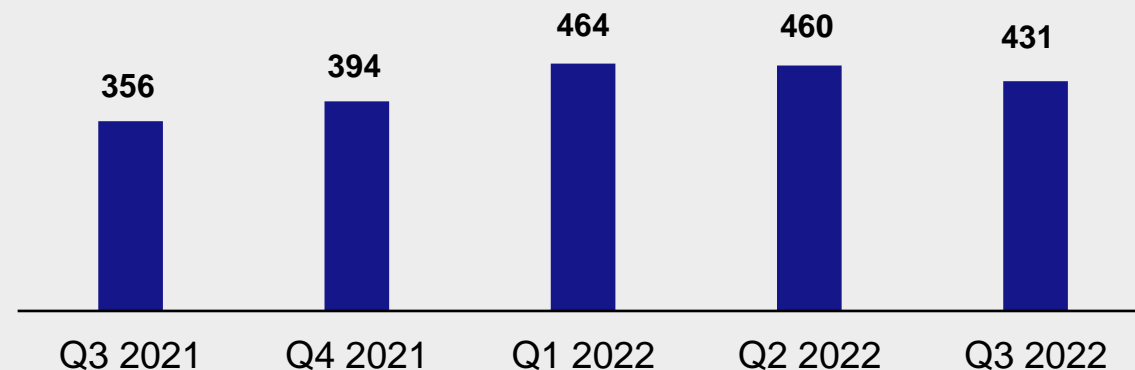
Strong sales increase compared to Q3 2021

Increased price levels led to strong sales growth in Q3 2022 compared to Q3 2021.

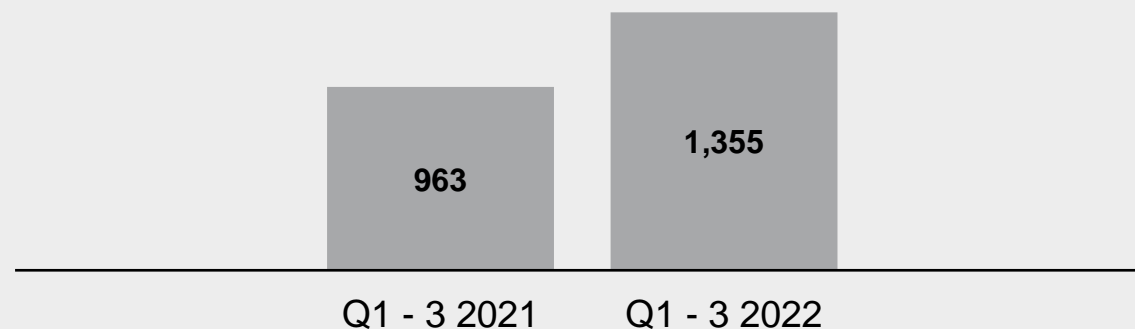
Year over year **sales were 40.7%** above prior year period

Sales

(in € mn)



+40.7%



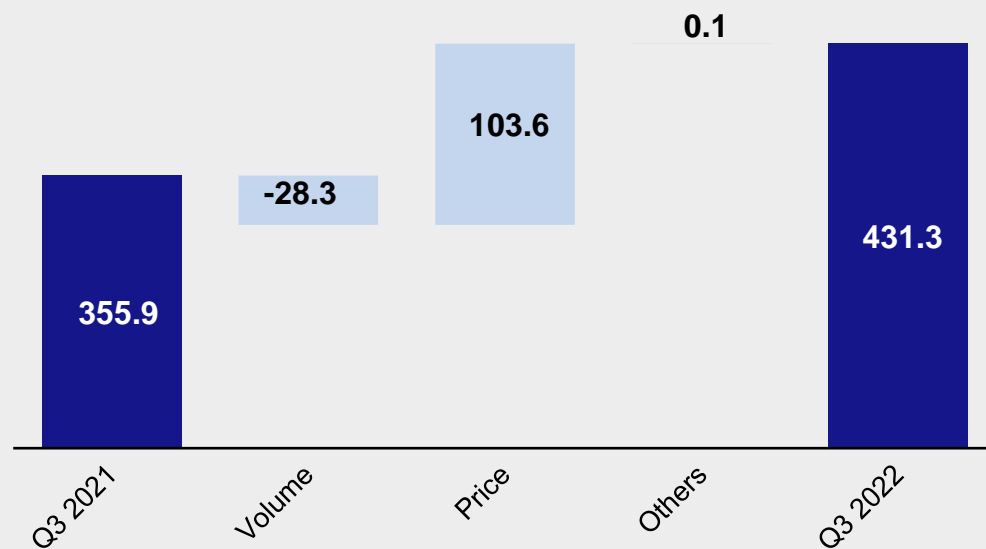
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Sales Development – Q3 2021 / Q3 2022

(in € mn)

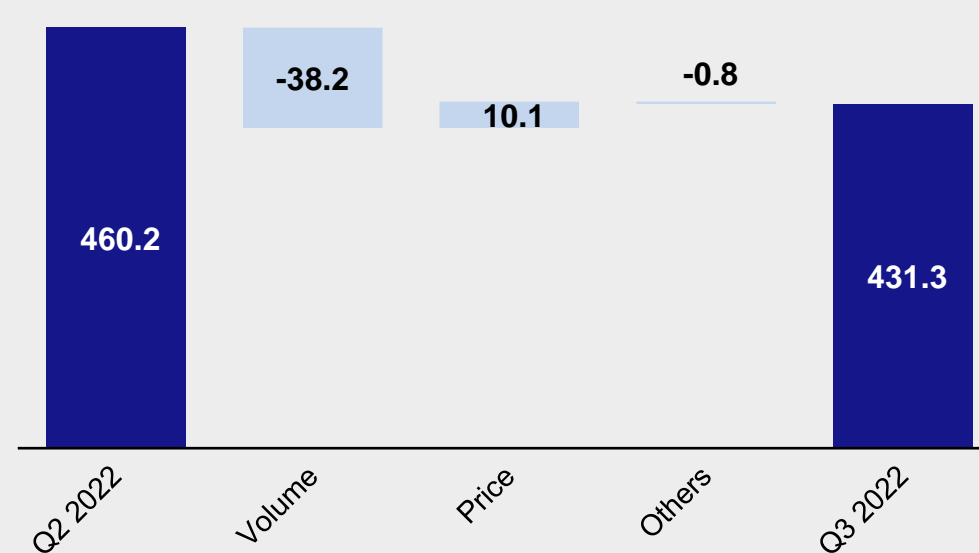
————— **+21.2%** —————→



Sales Development – Q2 2022 / Q3 2022

(in € mn)

————— **-6.3%** —————→



Quarterly view

DEVELOPMENT OF EBITDA/EBITDA MARGIN

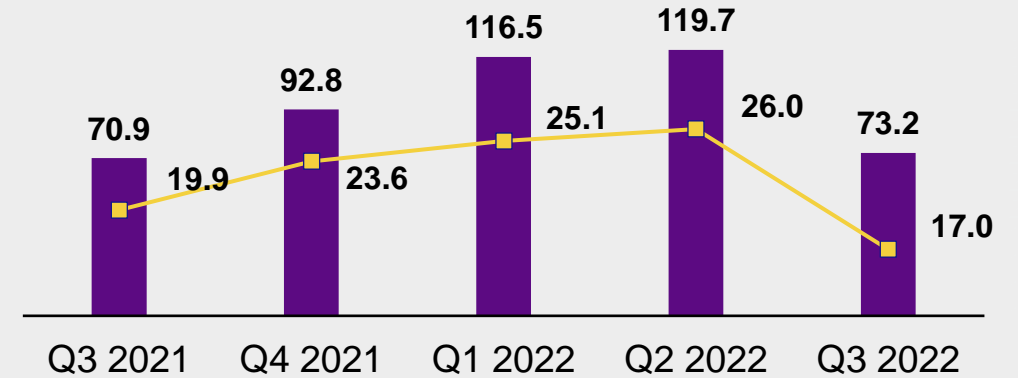
EBITDA in Q3 2022 increased by **3.3%** compared to the same quarter of the previous year. EBITDA of **€73.2 mn** is a new **EBITDA record in a third quarter**.

Strong **EBITDA increase of 71.5%** year-over-year.

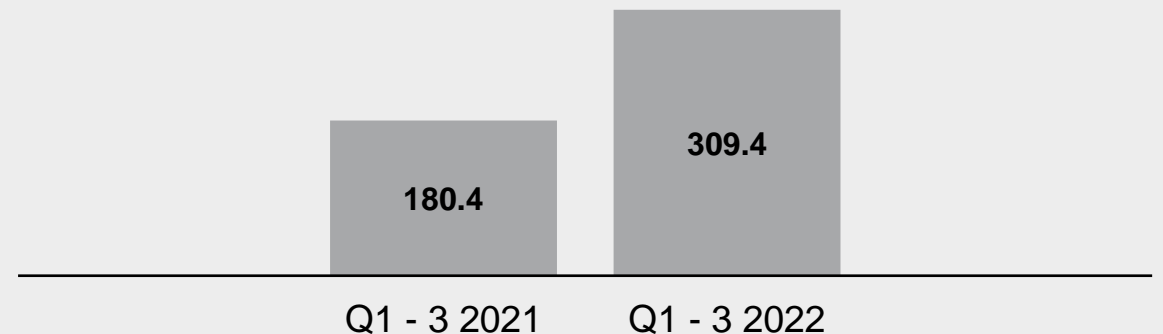
EBITDA margin decreased in Q3 2022 to **17.0%** (-9,0%) compared to Q2 2022 due to seasonal effects, annual maintenance shutdowns and significant energy price increases.

EBITDA

(in € mn) — EBITDA margin (%)



+71.5%



Long-term view

EBITDA MARGIN LONG-TERM AVERAGE

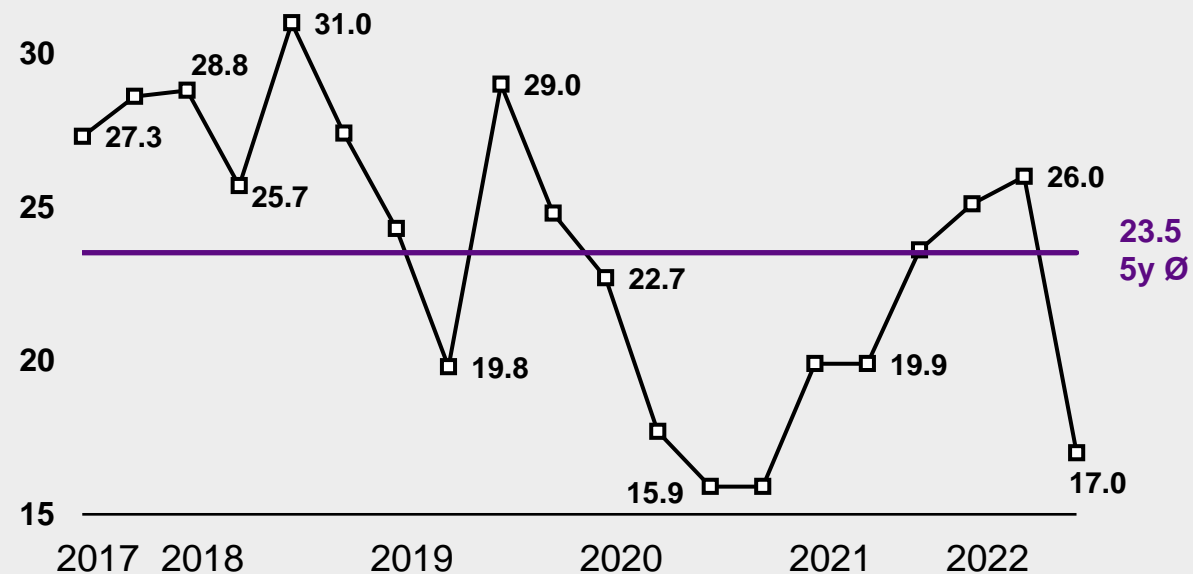
EBITDA margin in Q3 2022 well below 5-year average.

As usual, the EBITDA margin in the third quarter is below the full year margin due the summer season effects and the impact of the maintenance shutdowns.

In Q3 2022 the significantly higher price levels and the higher energy costs had additional dampening effects.

EBITDA margin

(in %)



Using adjusted EBITDA margin (%) for Q3 and Q4 of 2016
[based on EBITDA adjusted for unplanned maintenance shutdown extension of CHP]

DEVELOPMENT OF FREE CASHFLOW

Positive free cash flow development

Free cash flow increased significantly by €59.1 mn in Q3 2022 compared to Q3 2021.

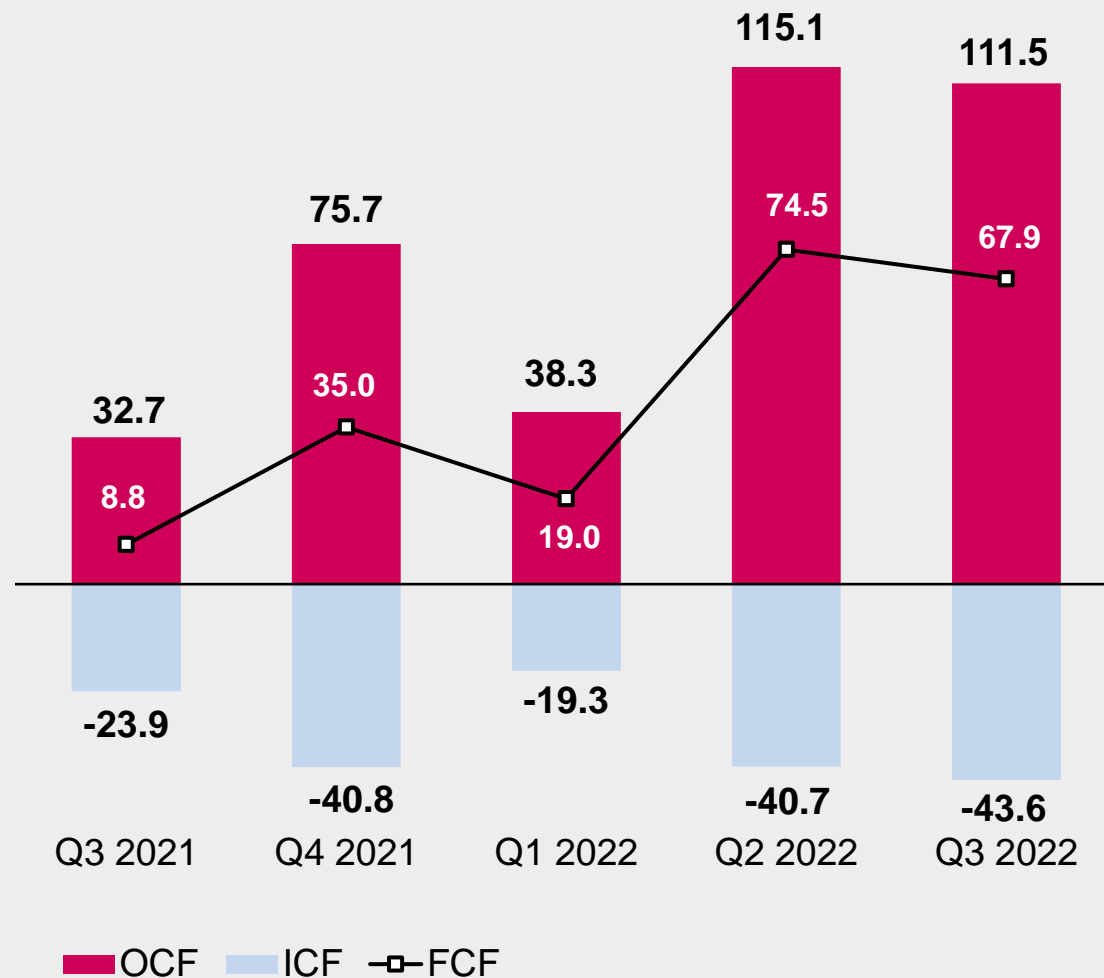
Operating cash flow **increased notably** in Q3 2022 compared to Q3 2021, mainly due to working capital effects.

Cash flow from investing activities

amounted to €-43.6 mn in Q3 2022. CAPEX mainly attributable to our corrugated board plant projects. Included in the ICF are bond purchases in the open market with a nominal amount of €17 mn in Q3 2022.

Free cash flow

(in € mn)

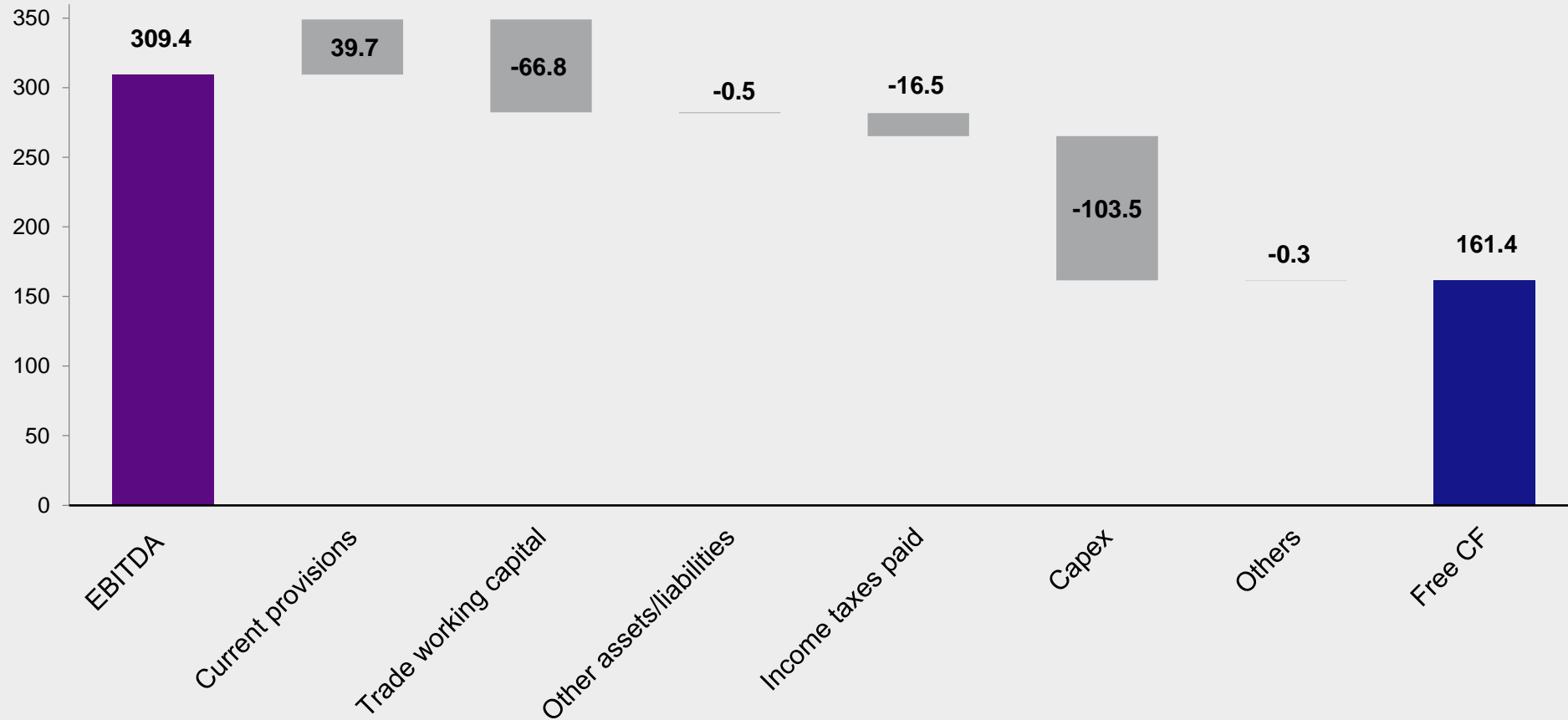




EBITDA TO FREE CASH FLOW

EBITDA to free cash flow

(in € mn)



Quarterly view

DEVELOPMENT OF NET FINANCIAL DEBT AND NET LEVERAGE

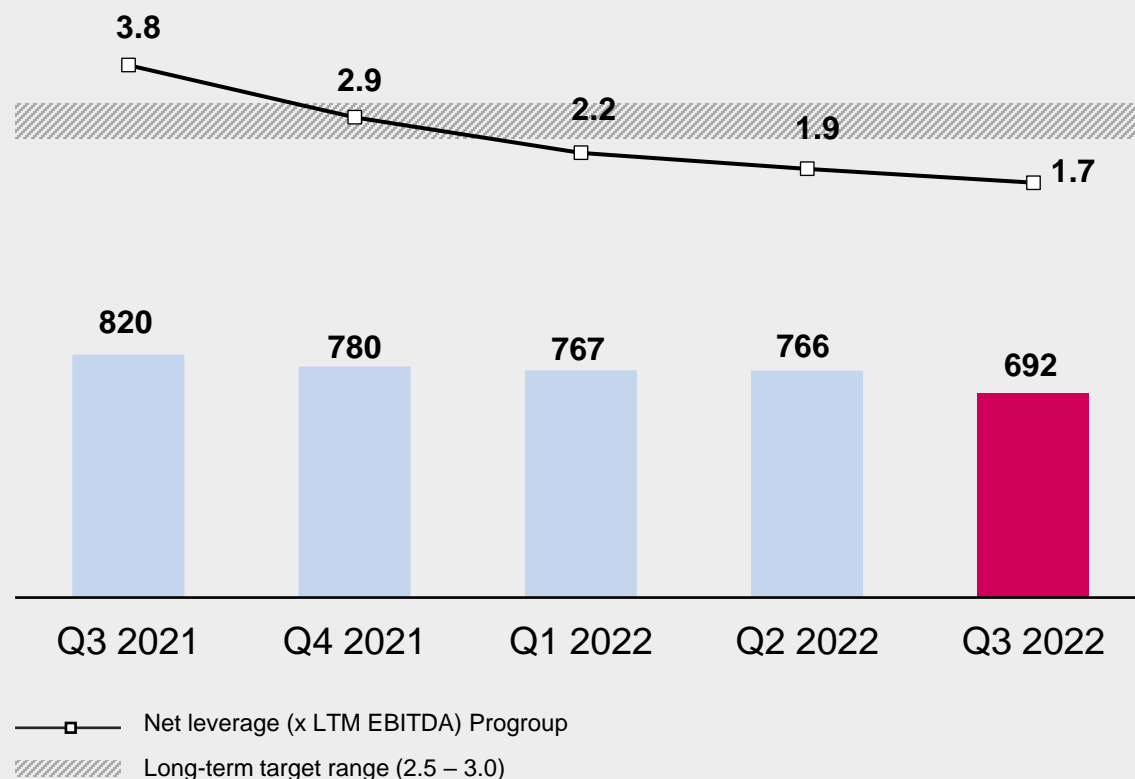
Steep decrease of net leverage to 1.7 due to higher LTM EBITDA and lower net debt.

Long-term net leverage target range of 2.5 – 3.0 was reached again in Q4 2021, only two years after we left the target corridor due to the PM3 expansion project and fell below the target range in Q1 2022. In addition to scheduled repayments of existing loans, own bonds with a nominal value of €30 mn were purchased in the open market.

The decrease was achieved despite the dividend payment of €80 mn in May.

Net financial debt Progroup

(in € mn)



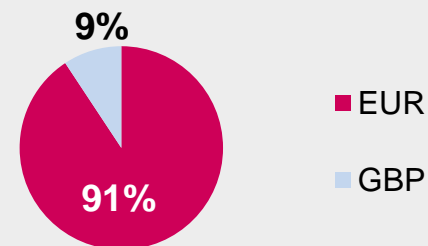
FINANCIAL DEBT AND FINANCE COSTS

Net financial debt as at 30 September 2022 was below year end 2021 due to regular repayments. In addition to scheduled repayments of existing loans, bonds with a nominal value of €30 million were purchased in the open market in June and July. The decrease was achieved despite the dividend payment of €80 mn in May.

Average interest rate on the same level than 2021 at 3.0%.

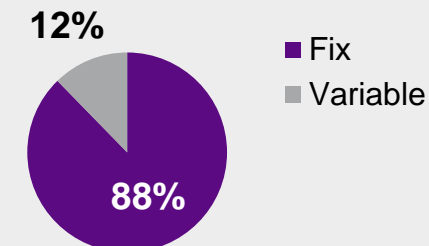
Currency split of current financial liabilities

(in %)



Interest split of current financial liabilities

(in %)



Financial debt and finance costs

(in € mn)

	31/12/2021	30/09/2022
Bonds	600	600
Committed bank facilities	325	298
thereof undrawn	50	50
Financial liabilities	879	824
Cash in hand, bank balances	100	132
Net financial debt	780	692
	Q1 – Q3 2021	Q1 – Q3 2022
Interest expenses*	21.5	19.3
Average interest rate	3.0%	3.0%

*excluding amortisation of lump sum fee payments

Quarterly view

DEVELOPMENT OF WORKING CAPITAL

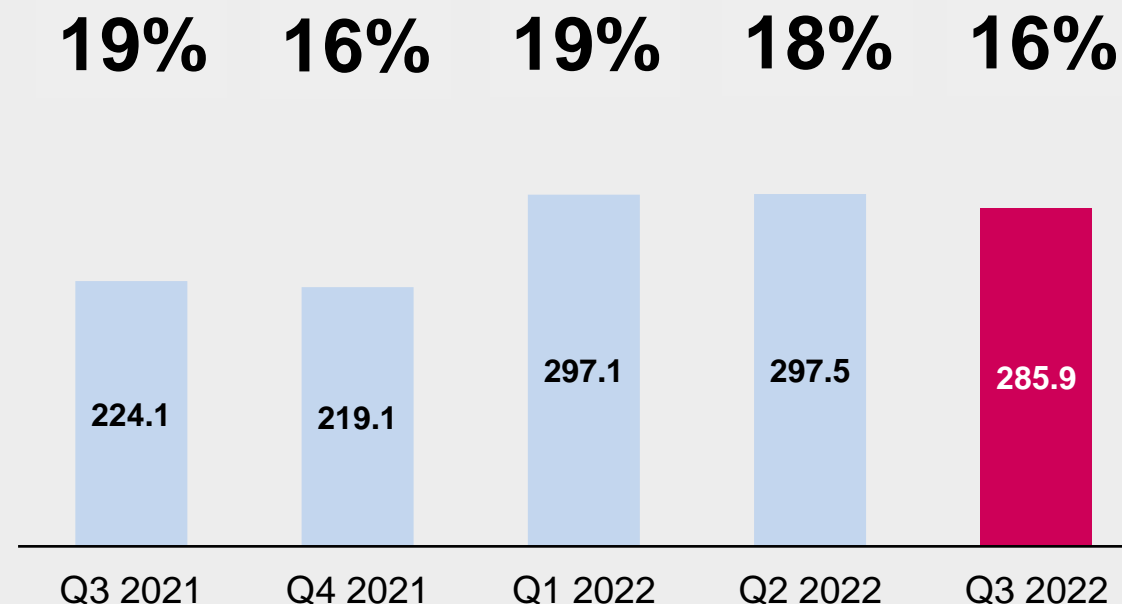
Decrease in working capital in Q3 2022 compared to Q2 2022.

Working capital increased significantly in Q3 2022 compared to Q3 2021, due to higher sales and therefore higher trade receivables as well as higher inventories.

Working capital as percentage of sales decreased to 16%.

Working capital*

(in € mn)



% of LTM Sales

*Working capital (not a German GAAP measure) is calculated as inventories plus trade receivables minus trade payables

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SUMMARY & OUTLOOK**



SUMMARY & OUTLOOK

Expectations

- High economic uncertainty and weaker seasonal effects will lead to lower sales volumes in Q4 2022
- Subdued demand will lead to a decline in containerboard prices in Q4 2022.
- Expect significantly lower prices for recovered paper in Q4 2022.
- EBITDA margin will recover from Q3 2022, however, still impacted by higher energy expenses and other cost items.
- PW14: start of trial runs in November; commercial production will start at the beginning of 2023.
- PW15: Construction of the production hall and work on the high-bay warehouse are ongoing for the next corrugated sheet feeder plant PW15 in Germany.
- Latest corrugated board project will be built in Italy.



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